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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1561

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MINTOFF TRIP TO OTTAWA CONFERENCE AND MADRID

REF: STATE 140794 AND VALLETTA 1538

1. PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S SECRETARY CAMILLERI CONFIRMED MORNING JULY 30 THAT MINTOFF AND PARTY WILL STOP IN NEW YORK ONLY TO CHANGE PLANES, DEPARTING IBERIA AIR LINES FLIGHT 952 AT 2000 HOURS AUGUST 10 FOR MADRID. CAMILLERI DI NOT PICK UP OUR SUGGESTION THAT AS CONTINGENCY VISAS SHOULD BE RENEWED FOR MINTOFF, CROWN ADVocate GENERAL MIZZI AND MRS. MINTOFF, WHO ALSO WILL ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND.

2. WE THINK HOWEVER, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE MINTOFF MIGHT CHANGE HIS PLANS AND STAY LONGER IN NEW YORK. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE REPORTS ITALIAN EMBASSY MADRID SAYS SPANISH ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT MINTOFF DROPPING IN FOR THREE DAYS VISIT BEGINNING AUGUST 11. IMPLICATION WAS THAT HE HAD INVITED HIMSELF, AND AN AUGUST WEEKEND IS CONFIDENTIAL

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SCARCELY CONVENIENT FOR SPANISH AUTHORITIES. WHILE SUCH

TIMING WOULD BE NO MORE CONVENIENT FOR ANYONE MINTOFF MIGHT
WISH TO SEE IN NEW YORK, WE THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO BE
PREPARED FOR A CHANGE IN SCHEDULE.

3. EMBASSY OTTAWA MIGHT BE CALLED ON AT LAST MINUTE TO
PROVIDE VISAS FOR MINTOFF, WIFE AND MIZZI. ATTARD-KINGSWELL
AND CAMILLERI BOTH HAVE VALID VISAS.

4. SUGGEST EUR/NE MIGHT TAKE PRECAUTION OF TELEPHONING
BOB ELLSWORTH TO SEE IF HE HAS HEARD ANYTHING.
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